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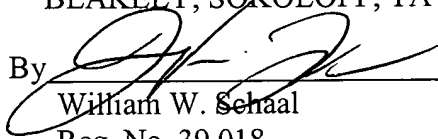
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims and a timely Notice of Allowance if the claims are considered to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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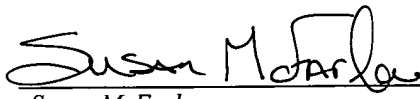
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